



WAVES OF CHANGE

PART THREE



SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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THE HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

CREEPS FROM THE DEEP!

The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! The planet's crust has cracked into many flying pieces. To make matters worse, terrifying dark monsters come crawling out from the planet's core at night!



Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are hunting down the Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples to use their collective power to fix the planet. Their search has brought them to the undersea city of Meropis, where magic and technology flow together!

Or it used to. A series of crises have befallen the city, and they place all their blame on one girl – Coral, the city's shrine priestess and protector. She has suffered as the citizens turn their collective back

on her. With her faith shaken, the magic of the shrine fails, and the monsters invade!

Now Sonic, Amy and Rotor are trapped in the shrine as the dark monsters close in...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



AMY ROSE
PIKO HAMMER-WIELDER & ROTOR
THE WALRUS
WARRIOR MECHANIC



CORAL THE BETTA
PRIESTESS IN CRISIS
& **RAZOR THE SHARK**
CORAL'S PROTECTOR



CPT. STRIKER
THE MANTIS SHRIMP
GRUFF CITY DEFENDER

EUSEBES SHRINE--
SACRED GROUNDS...

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-
HEFTING
HEROINE

PIKO!

BEAT 'EM UP
AND BEAT 'EM
BACK TO THE
ENTRANCE
POOL!

SONIC
MACH-SPEED
HERO

ROTOR
SONIC'S
BRAWLIN'
BUDDY

RAZOR
UNDERSEA
WARRIOR

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WHA--?!
IS THAT
NORMAL
--?

POW!

POW!

NO IDEA!
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE
MADE OF THE GUNK
THAT'S BEEN SEEP-
ING OUT OF THE
PLANET!

BUT THEN--*SONIC!*
YOU *BREATHED* IN THAT
STUFF WHEN--!*
NOT NOW!

BUT
WHAT IF
--?!

NOT A
PRIORITY
RIGHT NOW,
AMY!

POW!

THERE!
THAT'S THE
LAST OF
THEM!

POW!

NO...

...THERE WILL BE
MORE. *MANY* MORE.
THEY COME FROM
THE ANOSTOS RIFT
BY THE HUNDREDS
EVERY NIGHT...

CORAL
PRIESTESS
UNDER
PRESSURE

PEARLY
PRIESTESS
IN
TRAINING

*STH #254.

...AND THE SHIELD THAT PROTECTED US ALL IS GONE. BECAUSE OF *ME*.

ENOUGH OF THAT! *NONE* OF THIS--THE MONSTERS, THE POLLUTION, THE EARTHQUAKES--IS YOUR FAULT!

THE JERKS IN MEROPIS HAVE BEEN STRESSING YOU OUT FOR WEEKS OVER! IT'S *THEIR* FAULT THEY BROKE *YOUR* FOCUS!

YOU CAN STILL PERFORM THE SACRED RITES. YOU CAN *STILL* BRING THE SHIELD UP. I *KNOW* YOU CAN.

...YOU'VE NEVER LOST FAITH IN ME.

YOU'VE NEVER LOST FAITH IN *ME*.

THEN IT'S NOT A MATTER OF "I CAN." IT'S THAT "I MUST."

HOLD ON A MINUTE-- IF THOSE THINGS ARE ATTACKING *HERE*, THAT MEANS THE CITY'S GOTTA BE *OVERRUN*! WE'VE GOTTA HELP!

I'M NOT LEAVING CORAL.

HE'S RIGHT--THERE WILL BE MORE MONSTERS. I'LL STAY HERE AND BACK UP RAZOR. YOU AND ROTOR GO DO YOUR HERO THING.

ALWAYS DO. STAY SAFE.

YOU, TOO, HANDSOME.

HERE'S AN AIR CHARM, BUDDY.

AIR CHARM LETS YOU BREATHE UNDERWATER

NEXT BEST THING TO GILLS!

LET'S GO RESCUE SOME FISHY FOLKS!



OH!
MAN...

...THAT
DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD.



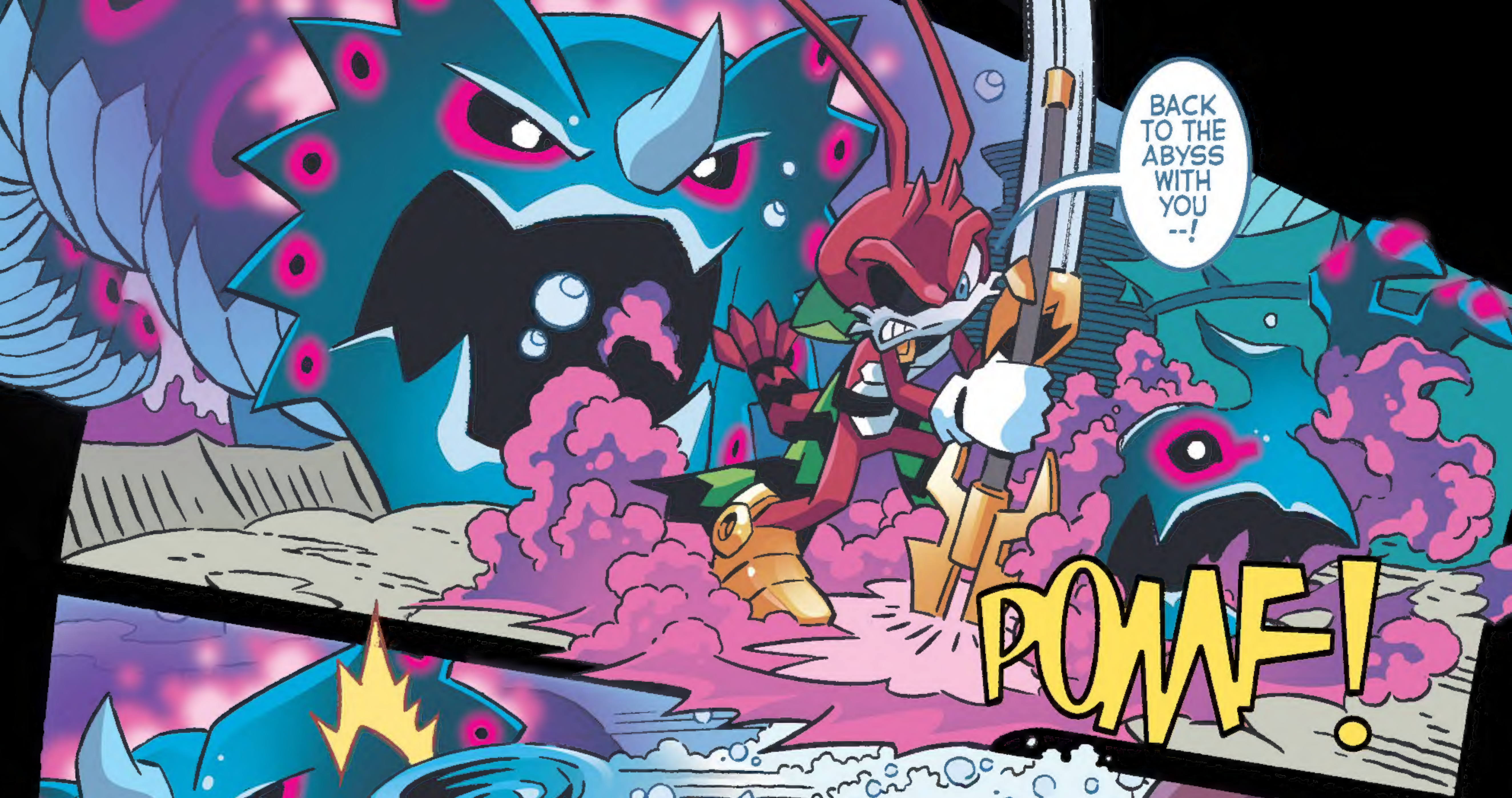
MEROPIS--CITY
STREETS...

GET THE
CITIZENS INDOORS!
SQUADS--KEEP YOUR
FORMATIONS!

DRIVE
THEM
BACK!



STRIKER
CAPTAIN
OF THE CITY
GUARD



POW!



POW!



STILL MAD
WE CAME HERE
UNINVITED?

YES.

BUT YOU
HAVE MY THANKS
ALL THE SAME.



NO PROB.
NOW THAT WE'RE
ALL BUDDY-BUDDY,
YOU MIND SENDING
SOME BACKUP TO
THE SHRINE?

I'M NOT WORRIED
ABOUT THE SHRINE
RIGHT NOW! MEROPIS
AND HER CITIZENS
COME FIRST!



OKAY, I GET THAT, BUT YOU *NEED* THE SHRINE FOR YOUR BUBBLE-SHIELD-DOME-THINGY!

NO SHRINE MEANS NO BUBBLE, AND NO BUBBLE MEANS NO CHANCE FOR US!

THERE'S NO TELLING IF THE PRIESTESS WILL GET HER ACT TOGETHER IN TIME! I *KNOW* I CAN COUNT ON MY TROOPS!

FORMER PRIESTESS, REMEMBER? YOU GOT HER FIRED!

SHE'S *STILL* TRYING TO SAVE THE CITY, Y'KNOW, BUT SHE WON'T HAVE *ANY* CHANCE WITHOUT SOME HELP! YOU NEED TO SEND TROOPS TO--!

I CAN'T SPARE--
GET DOWN!

CRACK!

POWF!

DUDE!

I HAVE TO ORGANIZE MY FORCES.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US, PICK A BATTLEGROUND AND *FIGHT!*



IS HE GOING TO
SEND HELP TO RAZOR
AND AMY?

MAYBE? HE'S A
HARD GUY TO READ.
HOW'S IT LOOK FOR
THE CITY?



THE CITY
GUARD IS
TOUGH, AND
THEY'RE
MANAGING
OKAY SO
FAR.

...BUT THEY CAN'T
KEEP IT UP ALL
NIGHT--I GET'CHA.
WELL, WE'LL KEEP AT IT
UNTIL CORAL GETS
THE SHIELD UP.

'CAUSE
SHE WILL.

THESE MONSTERS
ARE PRETTY STRONG,
BUT NOT *TOO* BAD...



GRRRRR!

MEANWHILE--AT
EUSEBES SHRINE...

CORAL?!
SWEETIE?!
ANY TIME
NOW!

PIKO!

≥HUFF≤ THE NORMAL
RITES AREN'T ENOUGH!
I'VE ONLY EVER
MAINTAINED THE
CITY'S SHIELD. ≥HUFF≤
I... I'VE NEVER HAD TO
RAISE IT FROM NOTHING!

OH, AQUARIUS... YOU TAUGHT
MY PEOPLE THESE SACRED
RITES. YOU COULD SHOW ME
THE WAY... BUT YOU'RE STILL IN
YOUR COCOON! WHY? WHAT
DID I DO WRONG...?

AQUARIUS
THE SHRINE'S
SACRED CHAO
(OR USED
TO BE)

NO! I'M NOT GIVING UP AGAIN.
THIS TIME... THIS TIME I'LL
START WITH THE "SONG OF
MORNING," THEN PERFORM THE
MYSTIC MELODY...

OVER AT THE
CHAO GARDEN...

O-OKAY...
YOU CHAO
N-NEED TO
GET TO SAFETY.
GO ON NOW!
SH-SHOO!

BAAHH!
WAHH!

EEK!

STAY AWAY!
SHOO SOME-
WHERE ELSE!
DON'T COME
NEAR--!

--MEEE
EEEK!

PIKO!

PEARLY, WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* OUT HERE? YOU SHOULD BE HIDING SOMEWHERE SAFE!

I-I WAS GOING TO! C-CORAL TAUGHT ME IT'S OUR JOB TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHAO!

SO WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?

POW!

I-I CAN'T! THE CHAO ARE JUST SO... SO...

...CREEPY!

DON'T EVER TELL CREAM THAT...

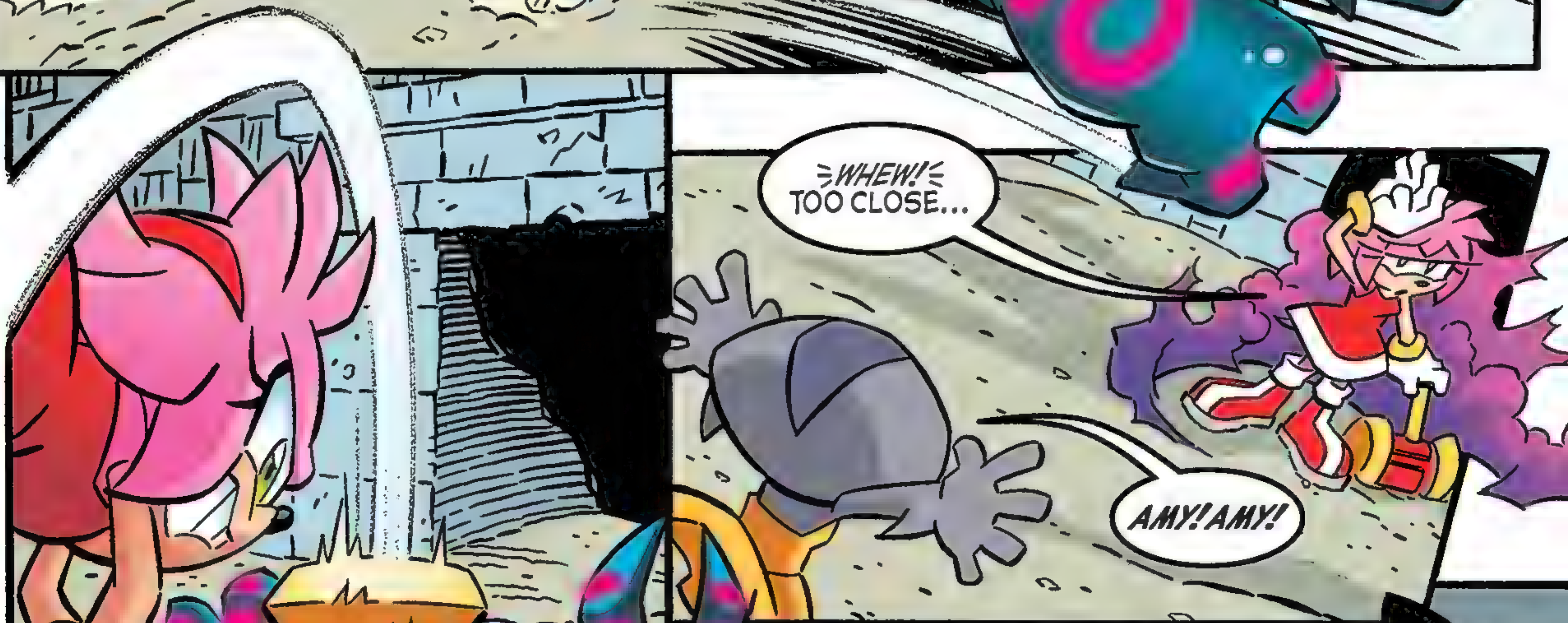
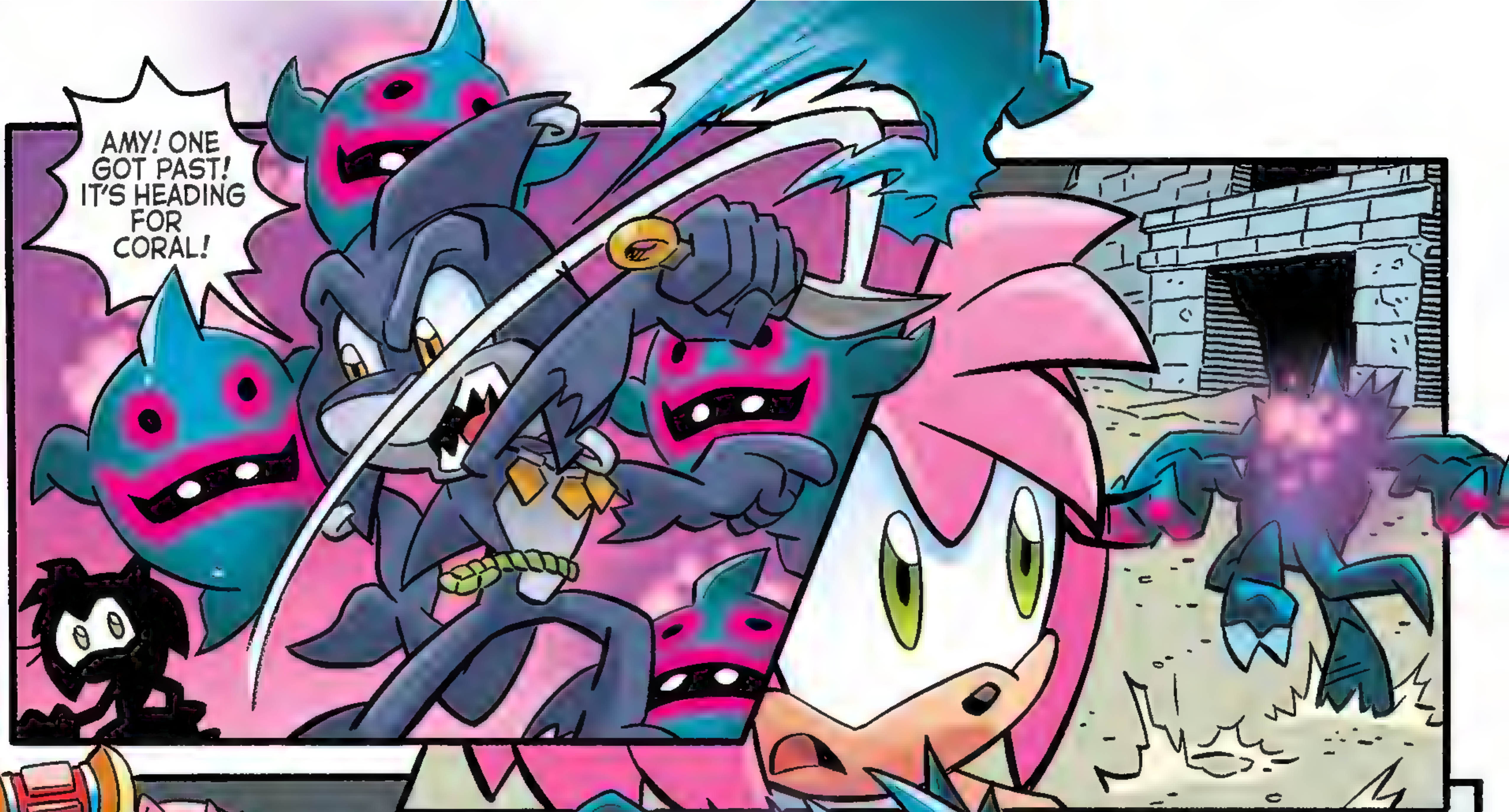
LISTEN-- I'VE BEEN IN SOME *BAD* SITUATIONS-- EVEN DEADLY--BUT I'VE FOUGHT THROUGH THEM TO PROTECT THE ONES I LOVE.

WE'RE ALL COUNTING ON *YOU* TO BE BRAVE AND GET THE CHAO TO SAFETY SO WE CAN FOCUS ON *OUR* JOBS.

O-O-KAY... I'LL TRY.

F-FOLLOW ME, LITTLE CHAO! ONE-TWO! ONE-TWO! N-NOT TOO CLOSE!





"THE TWO MISSING
CHARMS WEREN'T
FULLY CHARGED!"

MEANWHILE, IN
MEROPIS...



RRRRRRARCH!



ROOCH!!



YEAH! I'M NOT EVEN
ON LAND, AND I'M
STILL FASTER THAN--!



=GASP!=





SLAM!



OUR HEROES ARE **OVERWHELMED!**
HOW CAN THEY **POSSIBLY** COME
OUT OF THIS **ALIVE?!**
IT'S SINK OR SWIM NEXT MONTH AS

WAVES OF CHANGE
REACHES ITS SHOCKING
CONCLUSION!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON
SONIC UNIVERSE,
THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE,
SONIC SUPER DIGEST,
AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

The LIGHT in The DARK

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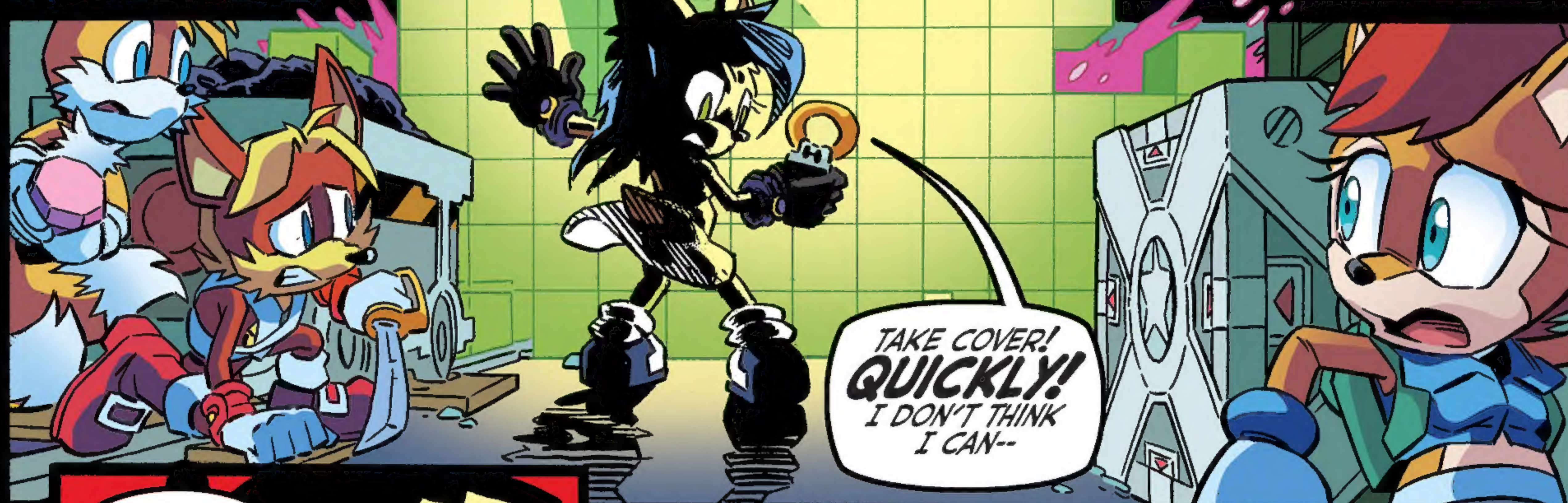
C'MON, TEAM!
JUST A BIT FURTHER
AND WE'RE HOME
FREE WITH THE
CHAOS EMERALD!

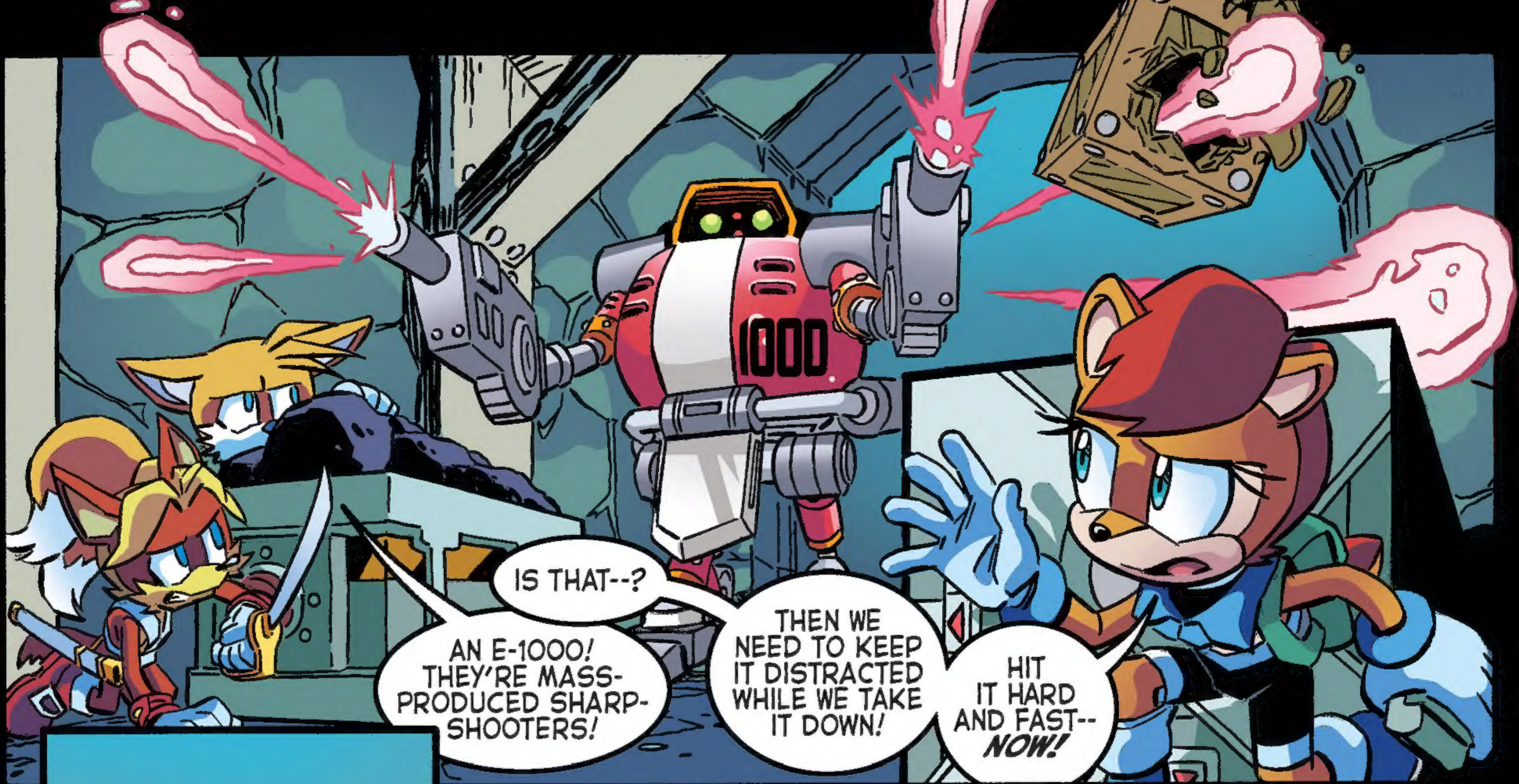
IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN MUCH EASIER
IF WE HAD STUCK
TO ZE ORIGINAL
PLAN AND NOT
BEEN NEEDING TO
FIGHT OUR WAY
OUT...

N-NOT THAT I AM
COMPLAINING, OF
COURSE! THIS?
FEH! THIS IS
NOTHING FOR ONE
WITH SUCH AMAZ-
ING SKILLS AS
MYSELF!

STOP
TOUCHING
ZE HAIR, YOU
ANNOYING
PESKY-
PESTS!

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IS THAT--?

AN E-1000!
THEY'RE MASS-
PRODUCED SHARP-
SHOOTERS!

THEN WE
NEED TO KEEP
IT DISTRACTED
WHILE WE TAKE
IT DOWN!

HIT
IT HARD
AND FAST--
NOW!



CLUNK!



SHKRRIIP!



NICOLE,
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?

I'M FINE. THE
RING'S ENERGY
WAS JUST
DEPLETED.

SALLY, I--

WE'LL
TALK
LATER.

RIGHT NOW,
LET'S JUST GET THIS
EMERALD BACK...

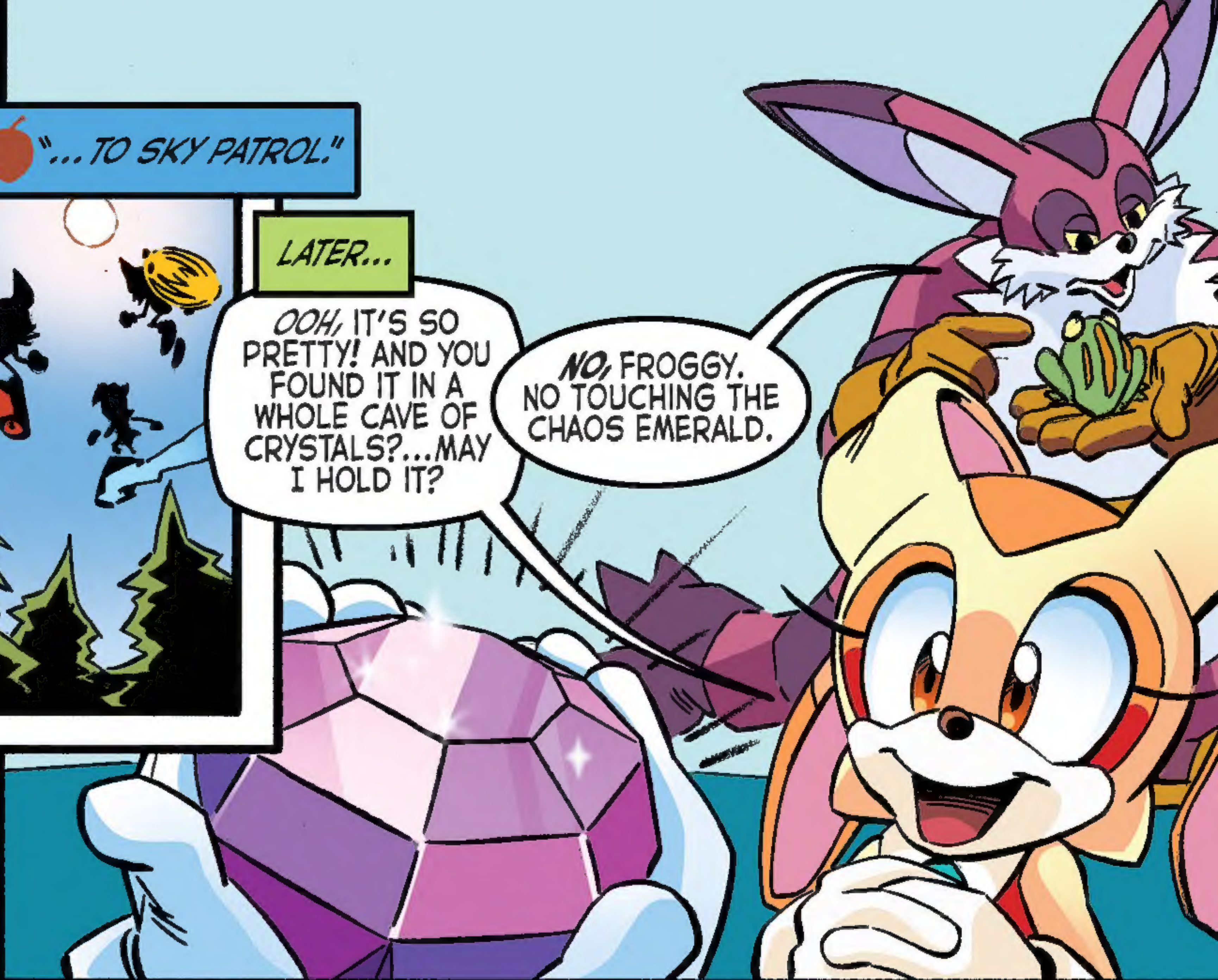


"... TO SKY PATROL."

LATER...

OOH, IT'S SO
PRETTY! AND YOU
FOUND IT IN A
WHOLE CAVE OF
CRYSTALS?... MAY
I HOLD IT?

NO, FROGGY.
NO TOUCHING THE
CHAOS EMERALD.



MAH STARS, LOOK AT
THAT ROCK! SO, SUGAR-
TWAN, WERE YOU PLANNING
ON UPGRADIN' MAH
WEDDING RING?

WOOOOOOW...

OH! AHM... MA CHÉRIE...
I MEAN TO SAY, OF COURSE.
YOU ARE WORTH SOMETHING
SO GRAND, BUT... ERM...



YOU *KNOW* I'M
POKIN' FUN,
RIGHT, SUGAR?

MAIS OUI! HAHA...
HA... COUGH... OF
COURSE, WERE I TO
GET FOR YOU ZE
CHAOS EMERALD, IT
WOULD BE ZE GREEN
ONE, TO MATCH YOUR
EYES, NON?

SALLY.



I WANTED TO
THANK YOU.

HEY, NICOLE.

FOR WHAT?

YOU
SAVED US
ALL BACK
THERE.



FOR...HELPING ME
SEE EARLIER.

REALLY **SEE**.
SOMETIMES, IN THAT
TINY COMPUTER, I
FORGET...I FORGET
WHAT IT'S LIKE. TO
SEE, TO FEEL.

TO LIVE.



WELL...WE ALL STUMBLE
SOMETIMES. THAT'S WHY
WE HAVE FRIENDS TO PICK
US BACK UP.

EVEN IF WE LET DR. EGGMAN
LEARN THAT WE NOW HAVE THE
CHAOS EMERALD HE SOUGHT--
AND I'M SURE THAT **WILL** HAVE
CONSEQUENCES-- GIVEN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, I NOW BELIEVE
IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

AFTER ALL, WHAT'S
THE POINT OF RESTORING
THE PLANET...



...IF WE
CAN'T
SAVE THE
THINGS THAT
MAKE IT
SPECIAL?

THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**
NOW HAVE ONE CHAOS
EMERALD!
THEY'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO
SAVING THE WORLD!
BUT AT WHAT COST?
FIND OUT WHAT THE
CONSEQUENCES
ARE NEXT MONTH!